

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 0097

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, PO  
SUBJECT: LABOR CONFEDERATION REJECTS CALL FOR GENERAL  
STRIKE

1. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CGTP-INTERSINDICAL LABOR  
CONFEDERATION MEETING IN A YEAR-END PLENARY SESSION  
DECEMBER 29, REFUSED TO CONSIDER A MOTION TO CALL A GENERAL  
STRIKE. AN EFFORT BY SEVERAL UNIONS TO OBTAIN CGTP  
ENDORSEMENT FOR A GENERAL STRIKE TO BE CALLED FOR JAN 28  
WAS RULED OUT OF ORDER.

2. COMMENT: THE PLENARY SESSION WAS NOTABLE MAINLY AS  
ANOTHER SMALL STEP TOWARD CONSOLIDATION OF THE CGTP'S  
POSITION AS "THE" LABOR CONFEDERATION IN PORTUGAL. THE  
PRESS WAS BARRED FROM THE MEETING BUT CGTP SPOKESMEN  
CLAIMED 154 WORKER ORGANIZATIONS WERE PRESENT, INCLUDING  
122 UNIONS AND 9 FEDERATIONS.

3. THE ACTION OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGTP  
LEADERSHIP IN QUASHING THE MOTION CALLING FOR A  
GENERAL STRIKE IS PROBABLY BASED ON TWO FACTORS:  
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-- RECOGNITION THAT SUCH A STRIKE WOULD HAVE MINIMAL  
PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS OUTSIDE OF THE LISBON INDUSTRIAL  
BELT;  
-- SUCH A STRIKE WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PCP'S  
CURRENT POLICY OF MODERATION WHILE IT SEEKS A POLITICAL  
ARRANGEMENT WITH THE SOCIALISTS.  
WHILE BOTH FACTORS ARE IMPORTANT, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE

WORKERS' GROWING FEAR OF LOSING THEIR JOBS, THUS LIMITING THE  
EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY NATIONWIDE GENERAL STRIKE,  
IS THE MORE SIGNIFICANT OF THE TWO.  
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